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A beautiful late summer day was an added bonus at the ribbon cutting for Lakeview Motel's new 22 foot geodesic dome. Pictured from left to right at the ribbon cutting: Jyoti Shrimali, Jag Shrimali Co-owner of Lakeview Motel, Walt McKechnie Deputy Mayor Dysart et al, Harsha Manani Co-owner Lakeview Motel, Sarah Rathod Harsha's mother visiting from the U.K., Amanda Conn Chamber of Commerce. / DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

New accommodation built with spirit of collaboration

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Staff Reporter

Lakeview Motel has officially cut the ribbon on their newest offering; a geodesic dome that hugs the hill overlooking lakes and trees, and is the first four-season accommodation of its kind in the county.

Four years ago, Harsha Manani and her family purchased the Lakeview property. In that time, they have worked tirelessly to put the accommodation on the map; not just locally, but on a larger scale.

Manani believes that with the expansion of the Geo-dome on the property, it will be an additional area of interest for those visiting the county. And in four short years, Manani has a heart that beats for Haliburton, and all it has to offer.

"Everything we used to build the dome was provided locally. I only support local," she said, referencing everything from the stools to the hot tub on the dome property.

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'Yes, and…'; a coffee date with a comedian

EMILY STONEHOUSE
Staff Reporter

Robin Duke is no stranger to the stage, and with a lifetime's worth of theatrical accolades, she credits her career to the mindset of 'yes, and,'.

The Canadian actress and comedian, who graced television screens across the country on shows such as *Second City*, *Saturday Night Live*, and *Schitt's Creek*, has taken to calling Haliburton County 'home' since the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020.

Duke recently retired from teaching in the comedy department at Humber College, where she worked with students on improv, acting, and writing. "I absolutely loved teaching," she recalled, noting that she taught in-person, until the pandemic forced classes online, at which point she saw the improv skills flourish via Zoom classes.

Thanks to high speed internet, Duke was able to teach the classes from the comfort of her home, which is located on a property that she and her husband purchased near Kennisis Lake, nearly 28 years ago. "It was one of the best investments we ever made," she chuckled, sharing that the cottage has gradually evolved into their location of choice; the shortened breaks from the hustle and bustle of the city slowly becoming longer and longer in the Haliburton Highlands.

Duke noted that they still have ties in Toronto, with her husband working in the film industry, and many of her work commitments and appointments still linked to the city, but Haliburton is home in her heart.

And while the pace of life in the Highlands may be slower than that of her other life in Toronto, Duke continues to consider herself a "yes person."

"When you start saying yes to things, it opens up so many doors," shared the seasoned actress over iced coffees on a balmy September afternoon. "I say yes a lot, and it gives you the opportunity to discover so much about yourself. But not just 'yes'. It's the 'yes, and…' concept of things that keeps you moving, keeps you discovering."

"Radio Bingo was what got me through the pandemic," she laughed. "It was a tough time, but I knew, every week, that there was one hour where we could just have fun."

It was during one outing to collect her Radio Bingo winnings from Canoe FM, that Duke was asked if she would be interested in hosting a regular timeslot on the station. "And I applied my 'yes, and,' concept to the question, and I thought, why not!"

Robin Duke grew up in Etobicoke, where she developed a keen interest in drama and theatre throughout elementary school. When she reached high school, she was seated next to none other than Catherine O'Hara, which she deemed as being "life changing".

"Finally," she said, "here was someone, other than my family, that I could sit with, and we could just be funny together. She was someone that was just so funny."

> ***"Radio bingo was what got me through the pandemic."***
>
> — Robin Duke

Duke joined plays and drama classes through high school with O'Hara, and shortly after attending a Second City show in Toronto, she realized that comedy was her calling. "I thought, 'that's it, that's exactly what I want to do with my life,'" she recalled.

Between 1976 and 1981, Duke performed sketches with Second City Television, commonly referred to as SCTV, alongside the likes of John Candy, Eugene Levy, Joe Flaherty, Martin Short, and her old friend Catherine O'Hara, to name a few.

In 1981, Duke moved on to perform on *Saturday Night Live* (*SNL*). "That was difficult," she recalled. "Writers were not particularly interested in writing for women. So, I started writing my own sketches."

Duke shared that by the end of her first year with *SNL*, she had more sketches on the air than any of the writers, at which point, she applied for a writing position, on top of an acting role with the series. She went on to become the first primetime player on the show to also double as a writer.

"There was always a lot to think about," Duke shared, "The weeks were busy, but you could follow cue cards, and you always wanted your skits to get on the air. But you're young, you have lots of energy."

She stayed with *SNL* for three years, before returning to Toronto to rejoin Second City. The show was going on a tour in Los Angeles, which is where Duke called home for the next nine years.

In 2016, Duke joined the cast of *Schitt's Creek* as the lovable character Wendy Kurtz. She appeared in multiple episodes, and shared that her time with the show was enjoyable. "It's such an intergenerational show," she said. "There are just people of all ages, dealing with different things on it, and it made it such an important show for so many people."

The show went on to win a number of awards, including the most Emmy wins in a comedy series over a single season. The Canadian-made production garnered international attention, and remains a "cult classic" amongst many loyal fans.

Now settled in Haliburton, Duke continues to seek ways where she can get involved with the community, and apply her 'yes, and,' mentality.

One such way was by agreeing to host a Speakers Series on Sept. 11 at the Fish Hatchery, titled "My Funny Life and Improvising Through It". The show starts at 7 p.m., and is the first show of the fall Speakers Series season.

Many would know the Telling Our Stories Speakers Series, a program of the Haliburton County Co-op, run by Barrie Martin, Jack Brezina, and Sean Pennylegion.

"It's a unique series of speakers this season," said Martin. "We're going to be exploring topics we haven't touched on before, with a lot of new faces for our audience."

Speakers Series have been running for nearly a decade out of the Fish Hatchery, and for $15 per person, audience members can listen in on a range of topics; sharing stories of travel to medicine to politics, and everything in between.

Martin shared that each season, himself, along with Brezina and Pennylegion, sit down to discuss possible speakers. "We try to seek a variety of topics, with different age, gender, and cultures being represented," he said. When asked for one word to describe this upcoming roster of speakers, Martin confidently said "diversity"; with a wealth of speakers exploring a wide range of topics.

Tickets can be purchased online via the Telling Our Stories Facebook page, or by calling Martin at 705-457-7557.

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Dome is where the heart is

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The geodesic shape is designed to be warm in the winter, cool in the summer, and provide guests with an immersive opportunity to feel entirely surrounded by the natural world. "Nature has a way of speaking to you," Manani said. "It can give you the answers you need."

Manani hopes that the dome is the first step in offering a series of other unique buildings on the Lakeview property. "It will be the only dome of its kind," she shared, "but we are open to new ideas and alternative offerings for accommodations on-site. We want to make this a destination."

To officially launch the opening of the dome, as well as celebrate the many collaborative efforts that went into making it a reality, Lakeview hosted an official ribbon cutting on Sept. 5. Dignitaries and business owners alike flocked to the opening, to usher in the newest accommodation offering in the Highlands.

Manani noted that she is already receiving bookings for the space, and looks forward to building an experience around the dome, and all it has to offer.

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Razzamatazz returns with Bavela

THOMAS SMITH
Staff Reporter

Razzamatazz Kids' Shows is returning for another exciting season!

"This season Razzamataz Kids' Shows! is back with a high-quality, affordable and culturally diverse lineup of theatre performances," said Nicole Stewart, chair of the board for Razzamatazz Kids' Shows. "From animation and music, b-boying and b-girling, to acrobatics and world music and instruments, there will be something for everyone to enjoy!"

The first show of their 2024/2025 season is titled *Bavela, Stick and Bow*. *Bavela, Stick and Bow* tells the story of Bavela, a cat from Mexico exploring it's past lives.

"In October, as the community gears up for Halloween, other parts of the world such as Mexico and Latin America will be preparing to celebrate Días de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead," said Stewart. "This show is intended as a family-friendly cultural sharing of customs and other ways of living. *Bavela* is also an opportunity for kids to experience live theatre and music."

Bavela, Stick and Bow is currently touring over Ontario with six different rural locations.

The performers include Juan Sebastian and Krystina Marcoux, from Quebec. The pair have performed their work in Canada and abroad. This will be their first ever performance in Haliburton.

"*Bavela* has something for everyone including animation, music and a heart-warming story of a kitty who travels from Mexico to Italy, and Argentina to Egypt to prove cats are not bad luck. Along the way she finds music, dance and friendship are her guides to the solution," said Stewart. "The performance includes an animated movie, accompanied by two musical artists who play the marimba and cello while one artist narrates the show. The music includes four centuries of music with Rameau, Piazzolla, Nina Simone and many others."

"The biggest takeaway from the *Bavela* is to never let anything stand in the way of your dreams," said Stewart.

Tickets can be purchased in advance at razzamataz.ca or at the door. Tickets are $7 for children and $10 for adults. Razzamatazz would like to acknowledge the generous support of their funders: the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Arts Council, without which our work would not be possible.

Their new website, razzamataz.ca, was made possible with funding from Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"This show is for everyone, cat and dog lovers alike!"

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The Municipality of Dysart et al is hosting its third Household Hazardous Waste Day on Saturday, Sept. 14, from 8 a.m. to noon at the West Guilford Landfill, 11903 Hwy 118, West Guilford. The event ends at noon, so arrive no later than 11:45 a.m.

Household hazardous waste is often identified by the corrosive, explosive, flammable, or poisonous symbol: aerosol cans (full or partially full); automotive fluids; batteries - vehicle (automotive, marine, etc.); batteries - household (rechargeable and single-use); cleaners (bleach, oven cleaner, etc.); fertilizers; finishing products (varnish, glue, etc.); gasoline (containers NOT returned); motor oil (must be capped); paint (latex and oil, full or partially full); pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, insecticides; pool chemicals; propane cylinders; propane tanks; and solvents (varsol, paint thinners, etc.).

Any resident of the County of Haliburton can attend the Household Hazardous Waste Day. To participate, residents must show their valid Algonquin Highlands or Dysart et al or Highlands East or Minden Hills landfill card. Residents must remain inside their vehicle at the hazardous waste drop off. Event staff will unload residential household hazardous waste.

Note, if you are attending an event outside of your regular municipality, only household hazardous waste will be accepted (no other wastes).

Due to provincial regulations, these events are for Haliburton County residents only. Hazardous waste is NOT accepted from businesses and organizations, including builders, camps, charities, contractors, painting companies, places of worship, restaurants, retailers, schools, etc.

Did you know? Year-round, for free, residents can drop-off paint for recycling at Haliburton Home Hardware and Minden Home Hardware. They'll accept any brand of latex or oil-based paint during regular operating hours. Quantity limits may apply.

Year-round, for free, Dysart residents can drop-off light bulbs and tubes for recycling at Haliburton Landfill, Harcourt Landfill, and West Guilford Landfill. Accepted are bulbs and tubes including incandescent, compact fluorescent, fluorescent, halogen, HID, LED, and UV during regular operating hours.

For more information, visit www.dysartetal.ca/hhw or download the free Haliburton County Waste Wizard mobile app for Apple and Android devices.

Submitted by John Watson, Environmental Manager

Koshlong Lake Bridge replacement to be re–tendered next year

JAMES MATTHEWS

Staff Reporter

It's back to the drawing board for Dysart public works staff to find options for the replacement of Koshlong Lake Bridge.

Rob Camelon, public works director, said the first go-around with the tender process for the work was less than favourable.

One bid was received for the work in the amount of $5,257,475, excluding taxes. The municipality budgeted $1,100,000 for the project.

The Koshlong Lake Bridge, which is located in Donald along Koshlong Lake Road, is at the end of its life and has a temporary bridge placed upon it to eliminate the need for a posted load rating.

Work for a permanent replacement of the structure was approved as part of the 2024 budget and would be funded through debenture.

"Still stinging on this one, quite honestly," he said. "We didn't see this one coming."

The tender was issued and 53 interested parties looked into the work. One company submitted a bid on the work.

And that was almost five times greater than the amount budgeted for the project.

"Needless to say, we're not recommending awarding this," Camelon said.

So it's back to the drawing board to brainstorm ideas to bring back to township council, he said.

Due to the lone bid being grossly over budget and not providing good value for taxpayers, Camelon recommended council re-tender the work next year.

"Potentially, if you re-tender, we should strike early and release it in January," he said. "Possibly the same time as the Redstone Brook Bridge.

"At this point there's no sense in tendering for the other bridge is this is the way pricing is going."

Camelon said the new bridge was to be culvert-based with four 10-foot culverts.

"Don't you wish you had that job?" Mayor Murray Fearrey quipped.

"I'll take a look at it next time," Councillor Pat Casey joked.

Council declined the work and will re-tender the project in 2025.

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Telling our stories

emily stonehouse

"IN THE end, we'll all become stories," said the great author, Margaret Atwood.

Stories; a mashup and mumbling of words, strung together for the sake of entertainment. And whether you fancy yourself a poet or not, we all have our stories.

They're the party tricks, that currency for connection. Some, we've recited so many times that they become a soliloquy for our souls; each word threaded together like an old woolen sweater.

As I sat down this past week, easing my way back into writing after a six months away to have a baby, I was suddenly presented with story ideas from my team.

I thought about the logistics of this industry. We come up with a story idea, to hear someone else's story, and then share our own story based on their story. Stories, stories, stories. Each stacked on top of the other; the threads interweaving and flowing as ink settles onto the page.

What an honour it is, to listen, to connect, to share these stories.

Because really, that's all we are. We have our mind and body that get us through the day; our brain ticking the boxes to pay the bills and get the groceries and pick up the kids from school, our body moving us from point a to b, aching when it rains and straining when we stretch.

But our stories, those are the things that hide in the cracks and crevices between body and soul. They are the spirits that carry us, the ghosts that haunt us.

I sat down this week with my friend Barrie Martin, who has dedicated a decade of his life to bringing stories to Haliburton County through the monthly Speakers Series at the Fish Hatchery.

I have been to a number of these presentations, and have never been disappointed. Even if the topic seems like something that's not up my alley, the beauty of listening to someone tell a story about something that is near and dear to them is enough to grip the audience.

And I will never tire of hearing people's stories.

Living in a day and age of social media, there are no shortages of stories available. We are constantly inundated with tales of trials and tribulations across the globe; sometimes to the point where it all just seems too heavy.

And really, with all these stories swimming around our minds, who's to know the truth?

Any news article, albeit infused with facts, still carries an element of storytelling.

Each broadcaster has a bias, each influencer an inclination, each storyteller a stance. That's the reality of being human; of navigating the waters of the world and clinging on to whatever just makes the most sense.

Because, in the end, we'll all become stories.

And the beauty of being a story, is that any story can be edited. Any story can twist and turn in whatever way the writer would like it to go. Any story can be re-written. Any story can change.

As I saddle up again to share my stories, inspired by the stories of our community, our history, our people, I can't help but wonder what stories we will write together.

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Down Our road

Bearing up

sharon lynch

BRUCE OPENED the door and listened. Pam was putting away the supper dishes when she saw him standing there, the cool night air wafting across the kitchen floor. "That's a strange sound. I wonder what kind of a bird it is." he said. Pam walked over and listened but heard nothing.

It had been a very long day for both of them and Bruce was ready to turn in for the night. Pam on the other hand, had a book on the go.

It was about ten minutes after Bruce had retired that Pam thought she heard something. Returning to the door, she listened and there it was: a long rough cry in the night, like an animal in distress.. She grabbed a flashlight and went out into the backyard. With all the vegetation back there, it was hard to see where to walk without tripping over fallen branches and thistles. Then she heard it again. The cry – if that's what it was, seemed to be coming from the other side of the fence they shared with their neighbours.

Quickly Pam went back into the house and phoned the couple next door. Once she explained what she had heard, Joan the neighbour sprang into action. "I'll be right there," she exclaimed. Which is exactly what Pam had expected. When it came to animals, Joan was always ready to step in and help.

And in a flash, Pam saw her making her way in the dark, large flashlight in hand. The sound, part cry and part groan, was now more frequent and as the two woman approached their shared fence, it was louder. But there was nothing by the fence. Then they realized the sound was coming from higher up, in Pam's favourite walnut tree. Their flashlights were useless in the thick foliage so Joan called for her husband Pete to bring another light. "And bring the net," she instructed.

"Well I guess it isn't an injured fawn since they're not very good at climbing trees," remarked Pam as they waited for Pete. They had a lot of deer on both properties this year and so a fawn had been their first thought.

But Pete wasn't much help, despite the large fishing net with which he arrived. As the three heads peered up into the leafy darkness, frustrated and concerned, they heard another similar cry. But this time it came from the waist-high thistles and grasses next to Bruce's bee hives. "Oh my gosh, there's another one," exclaimed Joan, starting to get agitated. "What can we do? Pete shine your light over there," she directed, pointing to the thicket. Again, the three of them could see nothing in the dark and dense vegetation.

While all this excitement was taking place, Pam's dog had not stopped barking from the kitchen door. Then they saw a figure emerge from the house. It was Bruce, bathrobe clad as he picked his way in slippers over the uneven ground. So much for an early-to-bed for this beekeeper.

Pam, Joan and Pete all talked at once while Bruce tried to make sense of what they were saying. Then there was a pause in the conversation and Bruce heard for himself what all the fuss was about. "That sounds like a bear cub up the tree," he stated.

All four heads strained to make out something – anything – in the dark. And then the second cry coming from the thicket echoed the first one.

At this point Bruce stated that if indeed it was a cub or possibly two cubs, maybe they shouldn't be standing around listening. Maybe it would be safer indoors. Nodding in agreement, they turned away and as they did, one of the flashlights picked up a large pile of animal excrement on the ground. "That my friends is bear poop," said Bruce, "So let's move quickly."

The mystery was completely solved the next morning. Pam and Bruce were about to bring their coffee outside when they saw a large bear and three cubs making their way toward Bruce's bee hives. Pam saw something out of the corner of her eye and there was Joan and Pete waving from their deck.

The mystery was solved. Now the fun would really begin.

points of view

Cards

steve galea

Loon Tales

"SQUIRREL GIRL!" I yelled out enthusiastically.

"So good to finally meet you!"

This caused Jenn to shoot me a look that said that she'd rather not hear why I blurted this out while sitting alone at the dining room table.

So, I turned to her, held up the collector's card, and said, "That probably sounded odd."

Then I explained to her that all I needed was the Squirrel Girl card to complete the Marvel superhero card set I plan on giving to my 7-year-old grandson Hudson.

"I don't believe it," she said.

"That we have a complete set?" I asked.

"No that you are actually going to give them to Hudson," she replied.

"Of course I'm giving them to Hudson," I said.

She raised her eyebrows.

It was a look I had seen before. Mostly, on the faces of the cashiers at the grocery store, and the women in line-up behind me, every time I said, "Yes, I am collecting the Marvel superhero collector cards – for my grandson."

I won't lie. At the time, I thought that these incredulous looks were because they were thinking, "There's no way this youthful looking man has a grandson."

But, in hindsight, I now believe it was because of the little happy dance I did every time they gave me a new batch of cards to add to my – I mean Hudson's – collection.

That's why I'm writing this column. Because I want to let all the cashiers and those behind me in the grocery store line up who smirked and said, "Sure you are…" know that I am actually giving the completed set to my grandson Hudson, who is 7.

To be completely honest, I might not give them to him immediately. I mean, he is 7 after all.

You know 7-year-olds. They make a high art out of losing things and putting dirty fingerprints on the things they don't lose. Plus, Hudson, like all 7-year-olds doesn't appreciate things and will probably do what all 7-year-old boys do – play with them.

That's why I might hold off giving them to him for a bit. I'm thinking they might make a good wedding gift.

After all, no good can come from recklessly playing with a complete deck of 90 collector's cards. He might lose one. Heck, he might lose Squirrel Girl – and it took me far too long to find her.

Yes, now that I think of it, Hudson can wait. He's got a lot of toys already.

I'll just wait until he has a period of time when there is a lull in his toy acquisition. Then I'll sent him the cards. Yes, then…

Plus, he has a sister, my other grandchild Casey. Sending Hudson the collector cards, without sending a similar set to Casey, would probably make Casey feel like I loved Hudson more. And that wouldn't be right either.

So, maybe I will wait until I collect another set to give to Casey. I mean I am only one Iron Man card shy of this. Yes, once I get that. I will send one set to Casey and one set to Hudson – probably on their wedding days. Unless, of course, my daughter announces that she's pregnant before that happens. Then I will have to trade cards to get a third set.

Which is another good reason not to rush into things.

I explained this to Jenn. And I believe it jived with what she was thinking. I wasn't listening too closely, but I'm pretty sure she looked at me, nodded, and said something about not playing with a full deck.

pic of the past

Front row sitting, from left to right, Gary Roberts, unknown, unknown, unknown, Scotty Larue, Bradly Watt, unknown and unknown. Middle row kneeling, sixth in from left, Bill Crofts, Brian Hunter, unknown, unknown and Judy Sisson. Back row standing, from left to right, Hazel Scott, fifth in from left, Linda Robinson, Second from right Pylis Burke and Eunice Burke. All others are unknown. /FILE

letters to the editor

Grateful for healthcare staff

To the Editor,

Now that I'm getting better, it's really important that I share this. It's a good news item for us all, for sure, and not because I'm improving.

Wednesday, May 29 began a month of hospitalization for me, serious medical issues, and absolutely the best care one could hope for.

Home alone, I started having searing pains across my chest so I called 911, chewed two baby Aspirin. The ambulance and emergency fire crew arrived, assessed me, and took me to the hospital.

The emergency department in our Haliburton Hospital recognized a serious medical situation, not a heart attack, that required immediate action and probably saved my life, then shipped me to Peterborough.

Again, immediate attention and more medication and assessment, plus incredibly caring attention by nursing and care staff. I was somewhat confused, day and night due to the meds but they were so caring and understanding that it kept me settled.

Later the following week, they flew me to St. Mikes' for surgery, and again everybody, docs, nurses, and staff were so caring. Back to Peterborough to recover for a week, then home. Now home with Laraine who has carried such a huge load throughout this. Such a huge support. Fortunately, our kids Susie, Melissa, and Greg made sure they were here for their Mum, doing whatever was needed.

The point of my ramblings is that the women and men in our healthcare system are the best. I am convinced that their warmth and attention helped me keep my positive attitude which my surgeon says was so important in healing.
I am so grateful for their care.

Peter Forgrave
Haliburton

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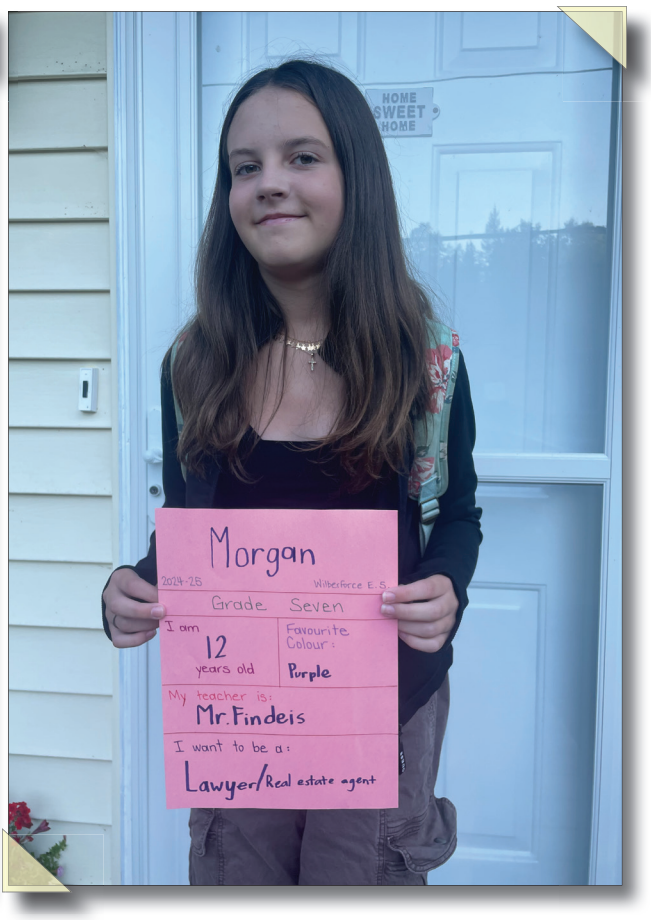

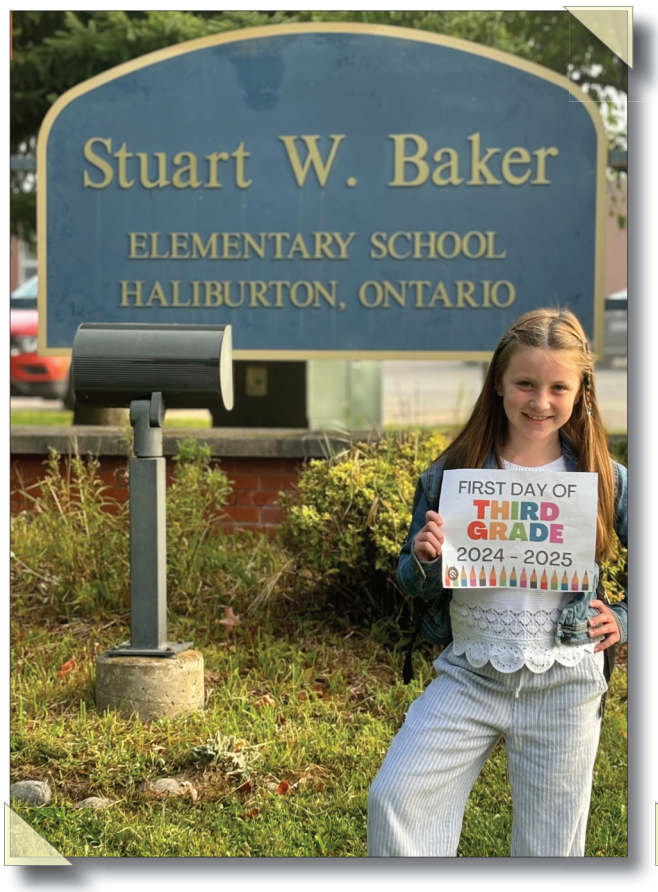

Put Your **Best Smile Forward** This School Year

Borgdorff family provides aid abroad

THOMAS SMITH

Staff Reporter

"We were planning to do this trip several years ago but when COVID hit our plans were changed," said Annabelle Borgdorff.

Graham and Rebeka Borgdorff were finally able to travel to Colombia and Guatemala with their children Gideon, Isaac and Annabelle for their humanitarian trip from February 10 to 24.

"We started fundraising last summer," said Annabelle.

Through word of mouth, news of the humanitarian trip spread. Fundraising events included a walkathon with Water Ambassadors Canada and the SHINE (An acronym for serve, help, invest, nurture, and empower) benefit concert was held at the Lakeside Church in Haliburton this January. Water Ambassadors Canada was founded by longtime Haliburton County residents Barry Hart and Heather Alloway in 2002.

In Colombia, the family assisted at daycares Hogar de Paz and Buena Samilla. "There we played games, did crafts, taught a story, shared hygiene practices, and simply assisted the teachers. At El Camino we helped with literacy, reading one-on-one with kids to help them with their English language acquisition, and that is where Graham performed maintenance tasks. The Principal of El Camino, Beth Afanador, assisted us in planning

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Annabelle Borgdorff plays the ukelele for children in Colombia. /Submitted

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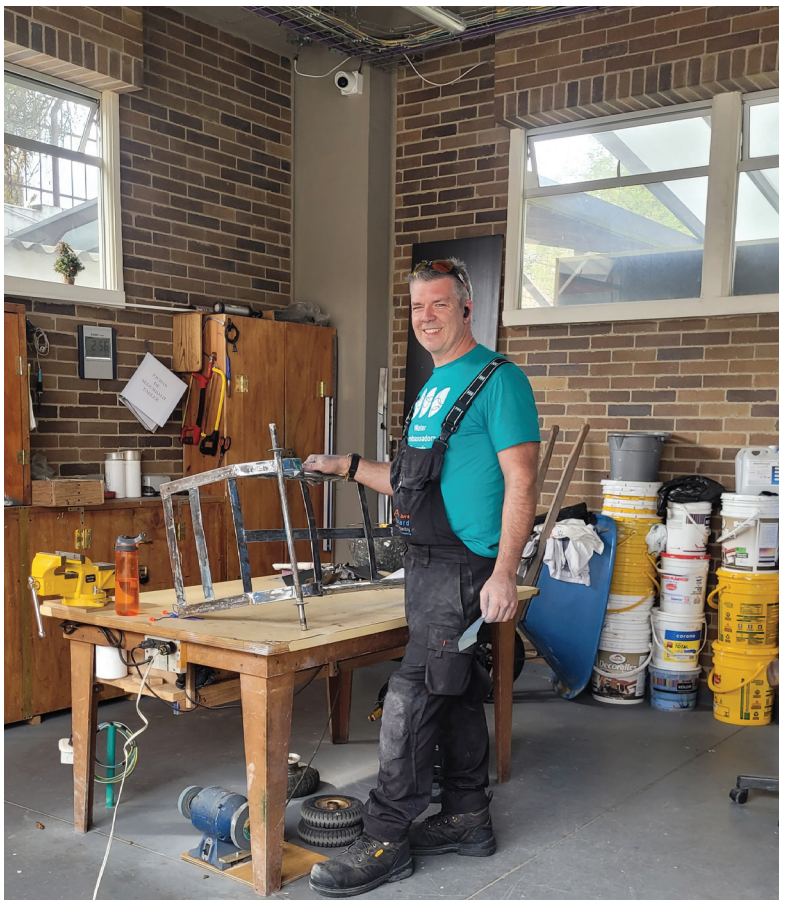
Annabelle, Isaac, and Rebeka Borgdorff pause while working hard to get ready for the water well in Guatemala. /Submitted



Graham Borgdorff, owner of Above Board Carpentry uses his skills to make repairs and offer maintenance assistance in Colombia.

Planning for next humanitarian trip has begun

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out our entire itinerary in Colombia," said Rebeka.

"It brought awareness to us," said Rebeka. "And now, what do we do with this information? Well, it is prompting us to go back. You just get so touched by that situation and you see the simplicity of how they are living. It is poor and it is sad but it is also something really beautiful because they are some of the most hospitable people we have ever met."

"By the end, you are best friends with them and you want to stay in contact with them," said Isaac. "Meeting so many people and just seeing how hospitable and endearing and how natural we all could connect, it was really cool," said Isaac.

While Water Ambassadors Canada organized the trip, ASOCAVIVA provided on-site drilling in the Barrilitos neighborhood of Tiquisate, Guatemala. ASOCAVIVA's goal is to provide remote areas of Guatemala with clean drinking water while also sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. The same drill leader their family had was the same drill leader Graham and Rebeka had 20 years ago when drilling another well in Guatemala.

"It was more fun to do this than to go to Cuba," said Gideon. "Because you actually feel good because you are doing stuff for others."

"You only get so much joy sitting on the beach," said Isaac. "When you actually go and you put yourself in a position where you can help people out as well as have a lot of fun while doing it, it is so much better."

"Hearing my children recognize that it is more about helping other folks helping out than sitting on the beach is the best experience," said Graham.

Tentatively, the Borgdorffs have plans to return to Colombia next August.

The Borgdorffs would like to thank the community for their support through supplies and finances for this mission trip.

The Borgdorffs will be raising funds and awareness for future clean water projects with Water Ambassadors Canada at their annual fall walkathon in Glebe Park on Saturday Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join.

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Places for People holds successful fundraiser

Charlie Angus, member of parliament for Timmons-James Bay, confirmed his reputation as a maverick champion of social causes as he led his six-member band, The Grievous Angels, entertaining a crowd of over 150. Angus said "We were honoured to play for such a great audience in such a great venue. We will have really great memories of Haliburton's hospitality.

At the Aug. 31 event over $2500 was raised through ticket sales and raffles. Places for People provides affordable housing across Haliburton County and recently purchased 12 additional units allowing all tenants to remain in their homes at an affordable rent. P4P uses fundraising to cover expenses of their volunteer run board as well as to maintain their units and pay down capital debt.

The Highlands Summer Festival, the Haliburton Speakers Series and the Haliburton County Folk Society spearheaded the organization of the event as well as provided raffle prizes. The Haliburton Forest provided the beautiful venue as well as prizes. The successful event proved diverse groups can work together for a common community cause.

Submitted by Susans Tromanhauser, President Places for People

OPP investigates fire in Highlands East

The Bancroft Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is investigating a vehicle fire that occurred early Thursday, Aug. 29.

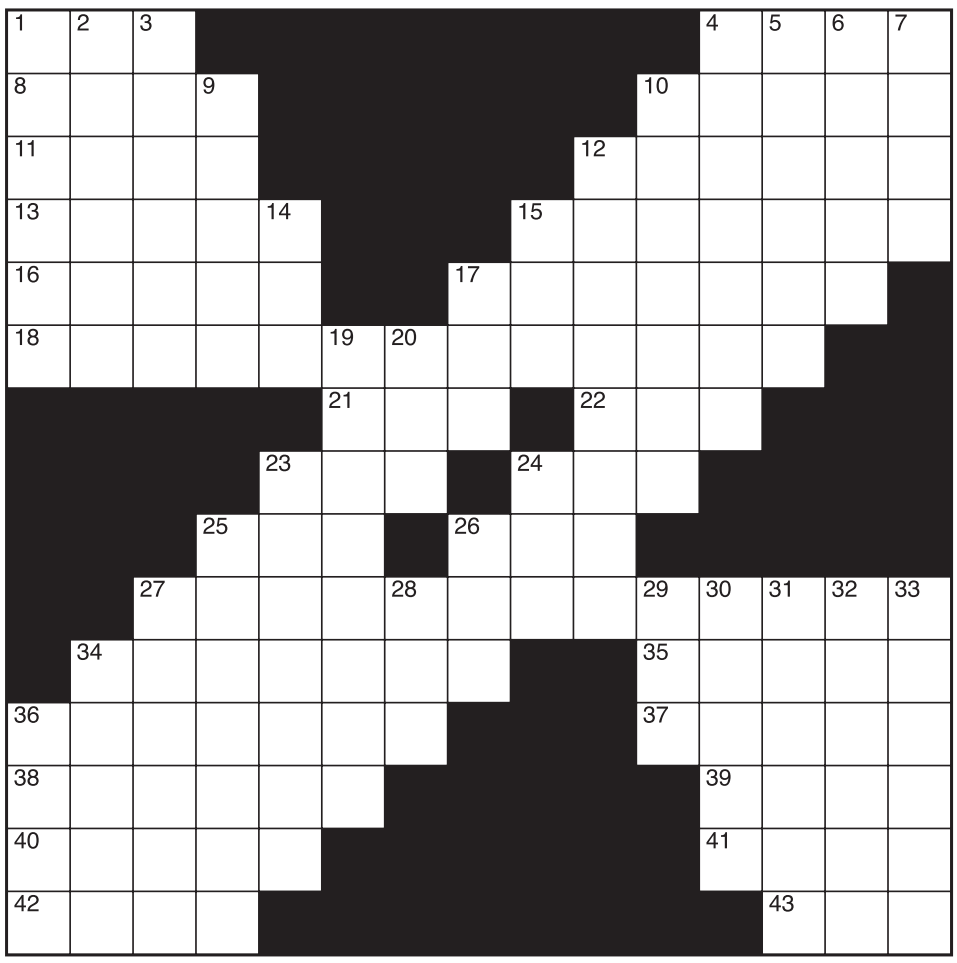
On Aug. 29 at approximately 6 a.m., officers responded to a fire at a business on Highway 118 in Cardiff, Ontario. Fortunately, no injuries were reported; however, the business sustained damage.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 1-888-310-1133.

For those who wish to remain anonymous, please contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or submit a tip online at www.crimestoppersquinte.ca.

No rain, no gain

Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve hosted runners from around the world this past weekend, to compete in their annual Trail Race. With options to run 12, 26, 50 kilometres, or 50 or 100 miles, the race attracted runners of all skill sets and experiences. The race was started in 1993, and has grown steadily over the years, with hundreds of runners each year. Despite the chilly temperatures, organizers shared that the 2024 event was a success, and they are already looking forward to next year's race. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff. Photos submitted.



CLUES ACROSS
1. Engine additive
4. A type of test
8. Curtail
10. Irish surname
11. The opposite of good
12. Got rid of
13. Central parts of a church building
15. Stylistically
16. Intestinal
17. Negative potential outcomes
18. Lived up to a standard
21. Snag
22. Time units (abbr.)
23. Ad __
24. "Partridge" actress Susan
25. For each
26. __ Paulo, city
27. League titles
34. More intensely black
35. Slang for lovely
36. Petrarch is known for them
37. Old Eurasian wheat
38. Body part
39. Swedish rock group
40. They're worth avoiding
41. Rising and falling of the voice
42. Wings
43. Enzyme import for respiration

CLUES DOWN
1. Idyllic
2. South Pacific island nations
3. Shrub of the olive family
4. Boundaries
5. Encircle
6. Weights
7. Samberg is one
9. Sheep sound
10. European country
12. Respected group of people
14. Trigraph
15. Prosecutors
17. Assign a nickname
19. Huge size
20. Partner to cheese
23. Fastballs
24. Principle underlying the universe
25. Distinct units of sound
26. Title of respect
27. Against
28. Foot (Latin)
29. One point east of due south
30. Concerning the blood
31. Type of pentameter
32. North American peoples
33. Layers of rock
34. Georges __, French philosopher
36. Lengthy tale

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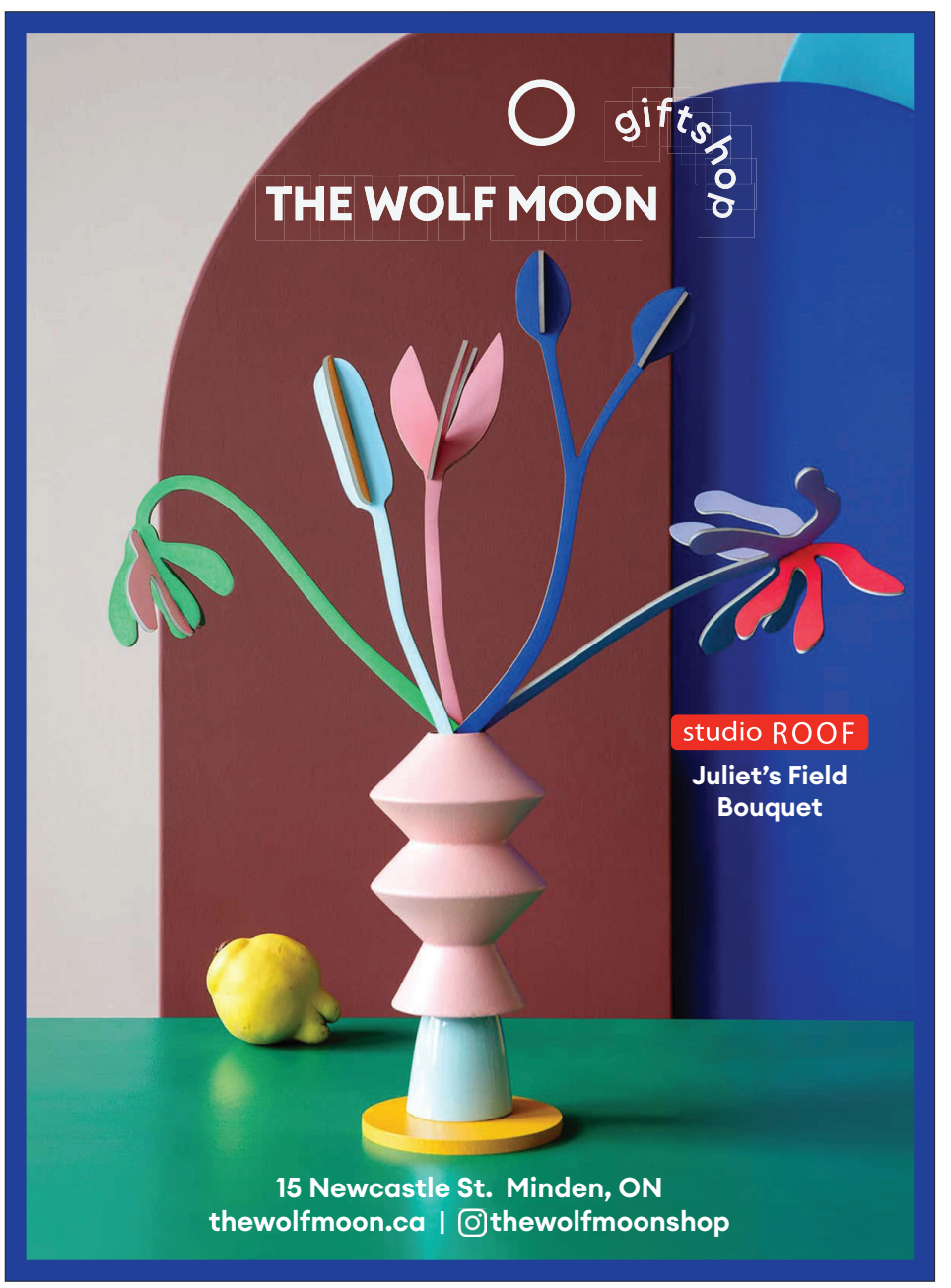

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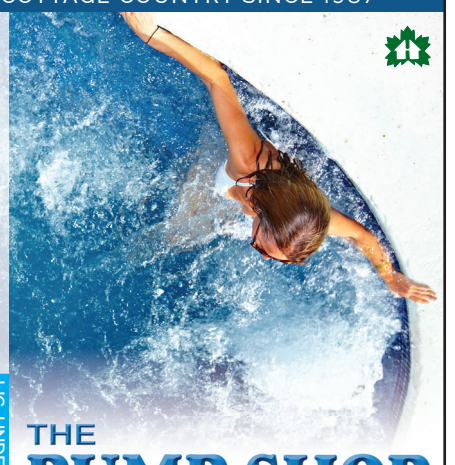

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Husky teammates at the first tee: Left to right Corbin Votary (goalie), Issac Larmand (forward), Adam Smeeton (forward), Ryan Ramsay (Huskies Coach and GM), Lawson Ramsay (Ryan's son), Kaiden Thather (defence), Ethan Wright (defence), Brad Park (golf tournament organizer).

Holes for Huskies

The Haliburton County Huskies third annual golf tournament was held this past Sunday at the Pinestone resort. Approximately golfers participated in the annual fundraiser and organizer Brad Park was pleased with the turnout. "This annual fundraiser helps the Huskies stay in Haliburton, and I'd like to thank all the golfers, business owners and individuals who helped make this year's tournament a great success" said Park. The tournament was a scramble format and after golf there was supper and a silent auction. Above, Issac Larmand puts a natural eagle on the first hole./DAVID ZILSTRA Staff

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Beloved wife of the late William (2012). Loving mother of Diane (Jeno), Alan (Kathleen), Kent (Arlene) and the late Paul (1988). Cherished G'ma of Jake (Alli), Jill, and Marie-Soleil. Dear sister of Bill (Jane), Rodney (Sharon), and the late Laina and Dorothy. Aila will be lovingly remembered by her nieces, nephews, extended family and numerous friends.

Aila was passionate and loving about her family, and was a fierce champion of her grandchildren (at sporting events, and most notably at the hockey rink)! Aila lit up every room she entered, and was known for her always sunny nature and cheerful sense of humor. A long-time resident of Ajax, and during her retirement years, Port Perry, Aila spent much of her time volunteering, and giving to others and her community.

As per Aila's wishes, she will be laid to rest in Haliburton with a private family ceremony. Arrangements entrusted to Low & Low Limited, Port Perry.

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A start to Rail Trail Relay

Local resident Marcel Crete runs across the Trestle Bridge just outside of Kinmount during the first leg of the Rail Trail Relay - Kinmount to Haliburton on Saturday, Aug. 28. For more photos and results of the inaugural event, see page 8.

Frost Centre closure adds to Water Festival's costs

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The Trillium Lakelands District School Board's Children's Water Festival has been postponed to next year after the unexpected closure of the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre. The board was unable to find a new venue for the event.

A total of 1,600 children had been expecting to attend the festival on September 30 and October 1. The festival was for children in Grades 2 to 6 and was designed to teach them about water conservation. The plan had been to bus children to the Frost Centre where they would spend a day going through 30 different stations to do hands-on activities with water or see demonstrations of the inner workings of different plumbing devices. On the second day a different group of kids would do the same thing.

The stations are directly tied to the curriculum. In Grade 2 there is a unit on properties and movement; in Grade 5, the focus is on energy conservation; and in Grade 3 a unit talks about forces and movement.

Trustee Val Smith says the loss of the Frost Centre is a huge blow to the festival. She says staff members Barrie Martin and John Etches had

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911 numbering system slowly making its way to Haliburton village

ANDY LLOYD
Staff Reporter

Although it may be one of the last places to be done, Haliburton village will get its 911 numbering system by the end of the year. But the system will be different from most of the county's rural areas.

The numbering in Haliburton will be similar to many civic addressing systems, with ordered street numbers that start at one. Odd numbers will be on one side of the street, evens on the other.

But it's not entirely that simple. The numbers will still take distance into account. In the case of the village, numbers will roughly correspond to the distance in metres an address is from the beginning of that road. A mathematical formula assigns numbers within a 10-metre margin. So for example, if your house is 100 metres from the start of the road but you happen to be on the "odd" side of the street, you could be assigned 99. This allows the "evens and odds" system that most people are familiar with to work.

So where is the start of a road? The 911 protocol calls for numbering from west to east and south to north. Or if a road dead-ends, the numbering starts at the initial intersection.

There is no option for people to choose their own numbers.

Things get a little tricky on the main street, where several tenants can be in one building. In this case, each unit that has a doorway opening on to the street will get its own 911 number. But in the case of the Stedmans mall, the building will have just one 911 number, and each internal tenant will have a separate unit number. The same applies to apartment buildings like Mountain View. As well, properties that front on York Street will have their own 911 numbers.

But the 911 team doesn't have any answers for downtown Haliburton property owners who want to know what their number sign will look like or how it will be displayed.

On the main streets, it's not appropriate to put metal poles into the sidewalks, with blue and white numbers attached. So the numbers will be attached to the buildings themselves. But Stephen Foster, the County's 911 coordinator, says no decisions have been made as to how this will be done.

The aesthetics of the signs will be a major factor. Foster says he doesn't want the 911 number signs to contribute to sign pollution. One thing is for sure: the appearance of the numbers will be consistent throughout the town.

The ordered, "odds and evens" numbering system in the village will apply to the geographic area bordered on the west by the Industrial Park, to the north by Harburn Road, on the east by Skyline Park Road and to the south by Brohm

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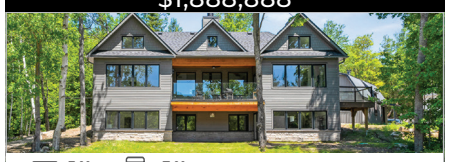

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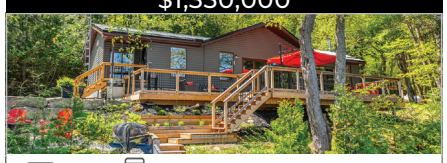

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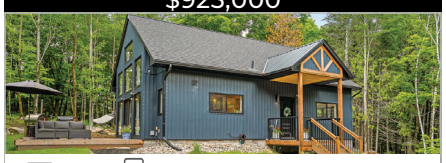

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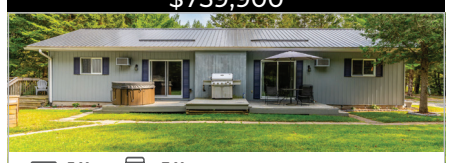

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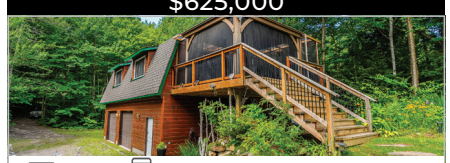

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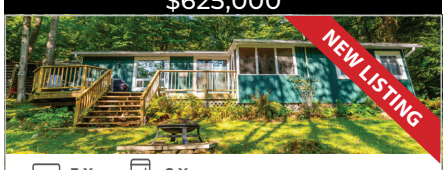

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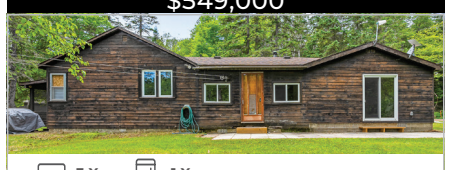

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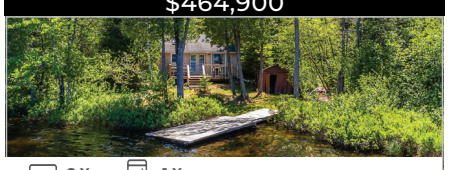

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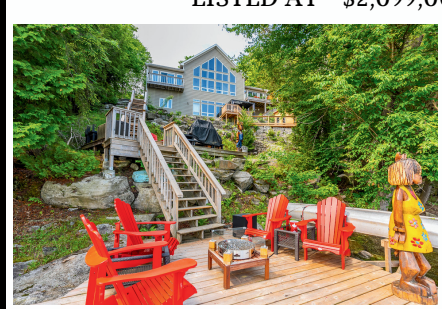

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